

Appl. No. 10/731,807  
Atty. Docket No. 9453  
Amdt. dated Feb. 2, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of Jan. 24, 2005  
Customer No. 27752

#### Remarks

Claims 1 - 6 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

#### Non-Statutory Double Patenting

The Office Action has rejected Claim 1 provisionally "under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 28 of copending Application No. 10/324,368." Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) herein with this response.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action stated that Claims 2-4, and 6 would be allowed. Additionally, the Office Action stated that Claim 5 would be allowable. Applicants have herein amended the claims as necessary and also filed the necessary terminal disclaimer. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-6 are now allowable.

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Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the present application. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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